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SUBJ: EL SALVADOR GOVERNMENT CONCERN OVER ANTICIPATED PROCEDURE OF OAS INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION GROUP

REF: SAN SALVADOR 5892

1. PICKING UP THE THREAD OF AN INCOMPLETE EARLIER CONVERSATION, FONMIN MARTINEZ HAS AGAIN EXPRESSED TO ME CONCERN OVER THE ANTICIPATED WORK PROGRAM AND PROCEDURES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION GROUP WHICH IS SOON TO VISIT EL SALVADOR--AS WE UNDER-STAND IT DURING JANUARY 9-18.

2. THE THRUST OF THE FONMIN'S COMMENTS SEEMED TO BE THAT THE IAHRC GROUP PLANS TO MAKE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN EVENTS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1977, WHEN THE ROMERO ADMINISTRATION ASSUMED OFFICE, AND THE COURSE OF EVENTS SINCE THEN. FAILURE TO DO SO, HE SAID, WOULD UNFAIRLY SADDLE THE ROMERO ADMINISTRATION WITH A RECORD FOR WHICH IT HAD NO DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY. SINCE JULY 1, HE SAID, THERE HAS BEEN A SINCERE
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AND LARGELY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR. THIS FACT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED. IN FAIRNESS TO THE GOES, HE SAID, THE IAHRC REPORT SHOULD EITHER FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY UPON THE RECORD OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OR, ALTERNATIVELY, SHOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, ONE OF WHICH WOULD

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COVER PRE-JULY 1 AND THE OTHER POST-JULY 1 DEVELOPMENTS.

3. ANOTHER SOURCE OF CONCERN TO THE FONMIN APPEARED TO BE THE PROSPECT OF "PUBLIC HEARINGS" WHICH HE SEEMED TO CONSIDER AN UNFORTUNATE AND PROVOCATIVE WAY TO PROCEED.

4. THEFONMIN SAID THAT THE GOES IS IN A POSITION UNTIL JANUARY 4 OR 5 TO SUBMIT COUNTERPROPOSALS TO THE AGENDA OR WORK PROGRAM AS RECEIVED FROM THE IAHRC. IT PLANS TO MAKE THE ABOVE CONCERNS KNOWN THROUGH GOES REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD APPRECIATE USG SUPPORT FOR ITS REQUEST FOR SOME REVISED PROCEDURE. I MADE NO COMMITMENT BUT PROMISED THE FONMIN THAT I WOULD CONVEY TO THE DEPARTMENT THE EXPRESSION OF HIS CONCERN AND REQUEST FOR ITS SUPPORT.
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